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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of this continuation application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please delete claims 54-69 and add new claims 70-102, as follows:

70. A computer-implemented method of remotely activating objects, the method comprising:  
receiving a first request to activate a first object of a first object group;  
in response to the received first activate request, determining whether a first virtual machine associated with the first object group exists;

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